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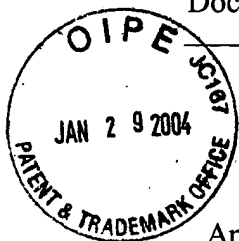
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- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with thirty seven (37) references, four (4) enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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	1.	2003-0229313	12/11/03	Bierman			
	2.	2002-0099360	7/25/02	Bierman			
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	4.	DES347,060	5/17/94	Bierman			
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	7.	DES425,619	5/23/00	Bierman			
	8.	DES377,831	2/4/97	Bierman			
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	10.	DES470,936	2/25/03	Bierman			
	11.	DES399,954	10/20/98	Bierman			
	12.	4,711,636	12/8/87	Bierman			
	13.	5,192,273	3/9/93	Bierman			
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	15.	5,290,248	3/1/94	Bierman, et al.			
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	21.	5,855,591	1/5/99	Bierman			
	22.	6,132,398	10/17/00	Bierman			
	23.	6,213,979	4/10/01	Bierman			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

	35	U.S. patent application serial no. 09/136,271, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed August 18, 1989.
	36	U.S. patent application serial no. 10/677,757, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed October 1, 2003.
	37	U.S. design application serial no. 29/179,916, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed April 14, 2003.

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